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Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly

First Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Denis Dangue **Réwaka** (Gabon)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 5 September 2000, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-fifth session consisting of the following Member States: Bahamas, China, Ecuador, Gabon, Ireland, Mauritius, Russian Federation, Thailand and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held its 1st meeting on 1 November 2000.

3. Denis Dangue Réwaka was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 31 October 2000 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs informed the Committee that, subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum, additional credentials in due form had been received in respect of the representatives of two Member States and updated the memorandum accordingly. The memorandum thus indicated that credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided in rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, had been submitted by the following 132 States: Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco,

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Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Zambia.

5. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs explained to the Committee that the Secretary-General's memorandum related solely to the Member States that had submitted formal credentials of their representatives in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

6. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs also reported that the Secretariat had received two sets of credentials for two different delegations to represent Afghanistan at the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly:

(a) An original communication signed by Burhanuddin Rabbani, "President of the Islamic State of Afghanistan", presenting a delegation headed by H.E. Abdul Ghafour Ravan Farhâdi, "Permanent Representative to the United Nations";

(b) An original communication signed by Mulla Mohammad Rabbani, "Chairman of the Ministers Council of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan", presenting a delegation headed by Movlawi Abdul Rahman Zahed, "Deputy Foreign Minister".

7. Regarding the credentials of representatives of other Member States participating in the fifty-fifth session whose formal credentials had not yet been received at the time of the Committee's 1st meeting, the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs stated that at a later stage the Secretary-General would report to the Committee on such credentials.

8. Having considered the question of the credentials of Afghanistan, the Committee decided to take the same position as had been taken at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

9. The Chairman proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

> "*The Credentials Committee,*
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in paragraph 4 of the report of the Credentials Committee,
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> "*Accepts*, subject to the decision contained in paragraph 8 of the report of the Credentials Committee, the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

10. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

11. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 13). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.